



E-mail Announcements for March 30, 2010

COUNTY NEWS

4-H Enrollment Forms Deadline

Enrollment forms are due by April 1 for those youth who are new this year to 4-H and wish to participate in the 2010 Armada Fair. Enrollment forms along with their \$10 participation fee need to be submitted to the 4-H office at 21885 Dunham Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036 by this deadline. For questions or concerns call the 4-H office @ 586 469-6431.

Kids Helping Kids (Silent Auction Benefit)

We are asking 4-H families to donate items for the auction. Items can be themed baskets, gift certificates, handmade items, or any gift that you feel can bring in some money to benefit those in need in HAITI. It will be held at Armada H.S. at 6:30 pm on March 31, 2010. **Together 4-H Can Make a Difference!** For more information and drop off locations-call Haley Waterstraat at 586-727-3030 or email alaynew@peoplepc.com

Three Part Cultural Competency Series

This FREE three part series is targeted toward youth age 12-19 who are interested in exploring topics that will enhance their cultural awareness, clarify their values, learn about diversity in careers, the impact of "isms" and how they can become allies for change. The series will be offered on Saturday, April 10, May 8, and May 22 from 9:30-4:00 pm at Youthville Detroit, 7375 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202. Registration forms are available by calling the 4-H office. Need to register by April 4th.

Workshop on Team-Building

Please join the 4-H club and mentor programs on Thursday, April 1, for a Life Skills Training on teamwork. We will be learning several different lessons on teamwork. These fun activities will be hands-on, interactive learning experiences that demonstrate that two heads are better than one. These experiential "mind teasers" are a lot of fun and teach a good lesson. The program will be held at the 4-H office from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. You must RSVP to Rachel at 586-783-8163 or rcalca@macombcountymi.gov by Wednesday, March 31st. Hope to see you there!

*** Exploration Days update***

Three important messages for those planning on attending Exploration Days this year:

- 1) **Don't Delay** in registering for this three day pre-college program featuring over 200 action packed classes. Registration books are available at the 4-H office or online at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/edregbk.html>. To see what classes are still available check the following website: <http://web2.canr.msu.edu/explorationdays/fullsession.cfm>
- 2) Two different scholarships are available to help pay for this event: Macomb Council Scholarship (\$45) open to both youth and adults and a limited number of MSUE Scholarships (\$40) open only to youth can both be accessed at http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_Forms.htm. Scroll down to Exploration Days. Make sure to turn in your scholarship forms prior to the April 30th deadline.
- 3) Mark your calendars for Thursday June 3 @6:30 for a mandatory orientation.

*****4-H Livestock Sale Meeting Location Change*****

The next 4-H Livestock Sale Meeting will be held at the Armada Fair Grounds either at the Board Office or Grange Hall on April 26th at 7:00 pm. All Livestock Clubs who participate in the Sale are strongly encouraged to send a representative to learn about updates to the 4-H Sale and provide input.

*****Making the Most of Your Money in 2010*****

Parents and youth are invited to attend this half day FREE conference sponsored by Michigan State University Extension-Macomb and United Way of Southeastern Michigan. The conference will be held on April 24 at the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) at 44001 Garfield Road in Clinton Township, 48038 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Adult participants will be able to attend two different workshops from a variety of choices to include: Budget with a Purpose, Grow Your Money, Stretch Your Food Dollars, Prevent Foreclosure, Take Charge of Your Credit, Family Fun for Less, or Is Bankruptcy the Answer? The conference will also offer two financial classes for youth 4th grade and up: Be Your Own Boss and Dollars and Sense.

Making the Most of Your Money in 2010 Conference will include a continental breakfast and lunch. Those interested in attending must register by April 19th. Click here for the [registration form](#).

*****JCPenney-Roseville Fundraiser*****

When you shop at the ROSEVILLE JCPenney store between March 24 and April 6 and round up your purchase to the next whole dollar, the JCPenney Afterschool Fund will donate the difference to the Macomb County **4-H Youth Development Programs**. This is a great opportunity for all of us to support our local 4-H programs by "rounding up" our purchases! Spread the word to your family and friends.

*****4-H Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Promotion*****

Help spread the word about this National Promotion and Partnership with our local Tractor Supply Companies. Starting Friday, March 26 through Sunday, April 18th, local Tractor Supply Companies will be selling 4-H Paper Clovers for \$1 that are then prominently displayed in their stores. Money raised will help support our local 4-H programs. We have two TSC located in Macomb County :

NEW HAVEN

57155 GRATIOT AVE NEW HAVEN, MI 48048
(586) 749-6162 -Speak to Frank, Marie, or Dean

ROMEO

66030 VAN DYKE RD WASHINGTON, MI 48095
(586) 752-5781 Charlie, Kera, or Pat

It would be great for 4-H clubs to show their support by having a club display/demonstration during this promotion. If you are able/interested please make arrangements with the store managers listed

*****Bill Hahn Memorial Scholarship Available*****

The Armada Fair invites you to apply for the Bill Hahn Memorial Scholarship for 2010. If you are a high school senior and plan on attending an institution of higher learning you are welcome to submit an application. The scholarship will be awarded to one high school graduating senior male and one high school graduating female at \$500.00 each. The applicant must have been a volunteer, employee, open class or 4-H exhibitor of the Armada Fair to apply. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15th and may be mailed to the Armada Agricultural Society, PO Box 507, Armada, MI 48005 or dropped off at the Armada Fair office during normal business hours. Applications are available on-line at armadafair.org or by calling the fair office at 586.784.5488. Feel free to contact us if you have questions or require additional information. Our congratulations to all of the high school seniors!

*****4-H Superintendent –Leader Meeting*****

We invite all 4-H Superintendents and Club Leaders involved in the fair to join MSUE 4-H and the Armada Agricultural Society Fair Board members in a planning meeting scheduled for Monday, April 19 at the MSU Extension Office Senior Auditorium. Dinner will be served at 6:15 pm and the meeting will start at 6:30 pm. Fair books and forms will be distributed to leaders at this meeting. Topics will include Sunday judging, updates, fairgrounds clean up, sign up for 4-H petting farm and exhibit building. This is a wonderful opportunity for both 4-H and Fair Superintendents to discuss their respective departments and work out details for this year's 2010 Armada Fair. To ensure enough food and materials are available, please RSVP by Thursday, April 15 by calling 586-469-6431 or emailing macomb4h@macombcountymi.gov

STATE NEWS

*****Companion Animal Teen & Adult Leader Workshop*****

This event for youth 4-H age 13 or older and adult volunteers takes place at Kettunen Center on May 15-16. Participants can take 7 of the 14 educational sessions offered (Obedience Foundations, Novice Open and Utility Exercises, More Obedience, Agility, Freestyle, Hunting Dogs, Showmanship, Grooming, Rally, Cat Show, Judging, Dog Craft, When to Call the Vet, Weight Pulling). Evening activities include Dog Jeopardy. The cost is \$52. 4-H Council Scholarships are available to participants. Registrations are due to the county 4-H office by April 30th. For more information, go to <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/4htrain.html>. This is workshop #715.

*****2010 Foreign Exchange Opportunities*****

2010 Foreign Exchange Opportunities are now listed on the State 4-H website. They include inbound and outbound Belize, Costa Rican and Japanese exchanges, and outbound programs to Poland and Australia, Some of these programs have February 1 application deadlines. To get more information and forms, go to the state website, select Global and Cultural Education from the "Select a Program" pull down menu. From there select International Exchange programs and scroll down 2010 4-H Exchange Opportunities. (<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/culture.html>.) If you need help on an outbound program from the 4-H Office or want to host an inbound program, contact Anne at 469-6431.

*****Japanese Exchange Hosts Needed*****

The Incoming Japanese Exchange program needs 35 more host families before May 1st. If you are interested, contact Anne at 469-6431 as soon as possible because the application/approval process takes some time. There is an application to fill out, criminal background check to complete, confidential references to secure, and an in-home visit from a Macomb County 4-H staffer.

*****Cow Camp*****

Again for 2010 MSU will be hosting Dairy Youth Cow Camp, a series of one-day "summer camp" workshops which will be held across the state in June to introduce and educate young people about dairy cattle. Cow camp is geared toward 9 to 13 year olds, however youth of any age are invited to participate. The only qualification is that participants are interested in learning about dairy cattle and the dairy industry. Program begins at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 4:00 p.m.

Registration is due June 1, 2010. \$10/person includes lunch.

June 8 - UP State Fairgrounds
June 12 - Kent County Fairgrounds
June 14 - Tuscola County Fairgrounds
June 15 - Calhoun County Fairgrounds
June 21 - Newaygo County Fairgrounds

Details and the pdf registration form are available on the Animal Science Youth Extension web site. <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/index.html>.

*****4-H Offers Training to Work with Youth in Outdoors*****

The Macomb County 4-H Youth Program is looking for adults and/or youth 16 and up who enjoy the outdoors, have an interest in working with youth as volunteers, and are interested in receiving some training in the 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge program. The training helps adults develop or improve their outdoor skills. It also teaches them how to work with youth in that setting to develop a variety of life-skills and an appreciation for the out of doors.

Two options for 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge volunteer training are being offered this summer. Both start April 16-18 near Cadillac and require volunteers to complete four or more additional training sessions to become a certified 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge volunteer. Required sessions include orientation, backpacking, and canoeing. You must then choose at least two more trainings from kayaking, climbing and rappelling, caving, and winter camping. To become a certified 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge leader you must also have current First Aid and CPR certification and complete a trip plan.

The cost for the training is \$275 for adults and \$175 for youth ages 16 to 21. A registration fee of \$100 is due with the application. An application and brochure, including dates, locations, State 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Coordinator contact information and more can be obtained from the Macomb County MSU Extension office or the Michigan 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge web site at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/challenge/html>.

*****4-H Learning Science Through the Arts Camp*****

4-H Learning Science Through The Arts Youth Camp will be held at Kettunen Center July 11-14, 2010 at Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan. The camp is for boys and girls ages 9-14. Counselors ages 15-18 are always needed. This year's camp theme is "Power Up! Blast into Action with Rockets and Dance!" Young people will have the option to take part in the following:

- Learn different forms of dance.
- Mimic a mime
- Design, decorate and launch a bottle rocket
- Create energy-inspired art
- Craft flies for fishing
- Connect movement and dance with different forms of energy
- Design a catapult and enter a launching competition
- Use a magnetic energy compass in a camp-wide scavenger hunt while hiking
- Learn how wildlife communicate through motion
- Learn about disc golf, the physics of disc flight and how discs are constructed
- Enjoy hiking, swimming, relay races, campfires, group sports, boating, friends and fun!

Go online to <http://www.kettunencenter.org/sciartcamp.html> or call the Macomb County MSU Extension office at 586-469-6431 for more information.

OTHER NEWS

*****Clare County Archery Tournament*****

The 9th Annual Clare County Archery Tournament is scheduled for June 5th and will be held at the Clare Rod and Gun Club, 10488 Eberhart Rd., Clare, MI 48617. The event is open to 4-H members and the general public. Events will be held in 3-D, Target and Team. The cost is \$7.00. Food will be available at the event. For more information, contact Don and Cindy Dietsch at 989-465-2058.

*****4-H Day at Cedar Point*****

June 25, 2010 is 4-H Day at Cedar Point. 4-H rate ticket prices: Students (grades K-12) \$32.00; adults \$34.00; Junior/Senior \$17.00 (Junior - Ages 3 & Older, under 48"; Senior - Ages 62 and Over). The regular gate price is \$45.99. Tickets are available at the 4-H window from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Please have a representative purchase tickets for a club or group. Representatives should have a membership card or something representing 4-H membership. Individual tickets may also be purchased. Proceeds will benefit the Erie County (Ohio) 4-H Committee.

Camp Sandusky and Ghostly Manor are offering special pricing to coincide with 4-H Day at Cedar Point. Go online to <http://www.campsandusky.com/events/4H/> for more information, or call 800-606-1379 (Camp Sandusky) or 419-626-4467 (Ghostly Manor – ask for Jayme).

